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HIGHLIGHTS

EMPLOYMENT IN SEPTEMBER EXCEEDS YEAR-EARLIER LEVEL BY 62,700; UP SLIGHTLY FROM AUGUST.

UNEMPLOYMENT DROPS SEASONALLY BETWEEN AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER, DOWN 24,000 FROM SEPTEMBER 1983.

SEPTEMBER'S JOBLESS RATE SLIPS TO 6.6 PERCENT FROM 6.8 PERCENT IN AUGUST AND DOWN FROM 8.3 PERCENT A YEAR AGO.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY JOBS TOTAL 1,188,300 IN SEPTEMBER, UP 9,200 MONTHLY AND 12,800 YEARLY.

EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT SITUATION

Employment in Oklahoma during September totaled 1,485,800 according to the place-of-residence or Current Population Survey method. This compared to 1,484,100 the previous month, a 1,700 gain. More impressively, this September's estimate rose 62,700 over the comparable year-ago figure. Unemployment dropped to 104,500, off 3,600 from August. This decline was considered normal for September as a result of schools reconvening for the fall term and consequent removal of students from the labor force. The state's unemployment rate eased to 6.6 percent from 6.8 in August. The jobless figure represented a reduction of 24,100 from a year ago when 8.3 percent of the labor force were without employment.

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OKLAHOMA LABOR FORCE
SUMMARY TABLE

Item	Number (In Thousands)			% Chg.	Absolute Change	
	Sep 1984p	Aug 1984r	Sep 1983r	Aug 84 Sep 84	Aug 84 Sep 84	Sep 83 Sep 84
Total Labor Force †	1590.3	1592.2	1551.7	-0.1	-1.9	38.6
Unemployment	104.5	108.1	128.6	-3.3	-3.6	-24.1
Unemployment Rate	6.6	6.8	8.3	---	---	----
Unemployment Rate (Seas. Adj.)	6.9	7.2	8.7	---	---	----
Total Employment	1485.8	1484.1	1423.1	0.1	1.7	62.7
Agriculture	54.6	48.3	55.1	13.0	6.3	- 0.5
Domestic Service, Self-Employed & Unpaid Family Workers	180.9	187.3	188.8	-3.4	-6.4	- 7.9
Idled by Labor Disputes	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.0	- 0.7
Wage and Salaried Workers, Total 1/	1188.3	1179.1	1175.5	0.8	9.2	12.8
Manufacturing	177.1	177.6	167.3	-0.3	-0.5	9.8
Durable Goods	113.2	113.3	105.4	-0.1	-0.1	7.8
Lumber & Wood Products	2.7	2.7	2.7	0.0	0.0	0.0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	11.2	11.1	10.9	0.9	0.1	0.3
Primary Metal Industries	4.5	4.5	4.1	0.0	0.0	0.4
Fabricated Metal Products	17.6	17.7	17.2	-0.6	-0.1	0.4
Fab. Structural Metal Products	9.7	9.8	10.2	-1.0	-0.1	- 0.5
Machinery Exc. Electrical	33.9	34.0	31.3	-0.3	-0.1	2.6
Oil Field Machinery	9.4	9.4	9.1	0.0	0.0	0.3
General Industrial Machinery	6.6	6.7	5.9	-1.5	-0.1	0.7
Electrical and Electronic Equip	15.6	15.7	13.9	-0.6	-0.1	1.7
Transportation Equipment	22.5	22.3	20.0	0.9	0.2	2.5
Aircraft & Parts	9.3	9.1	8.1	2.2	0.2	1.2
Instruments & Related Products	2.0	2.0	1.9	0.0	0.0	0.1
Nondurable Goods	63.9	64.3	61.9	-0.6	-0.4	2.0
Food & Kindred Products	15.2	14.9	14.8	2.0	0.3	0.4
Apparel & Other Textile Products	9.3	9.6	9.4	-3.1	-0.3	- 0.1
Paper & Allied Products	3.1	3.1	2.9	0.0	0.0	0.2
Printing & Publishing	11.1	11.2	11.1	-0.9	-0.1	0.0
Newspapers & Periodicals	6.1	6.1	6.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Petroleum & Coal Products	8.3	8.4	8.1	-1.2	-0.1	0.2
Petroleum Refining	7.7	7.8	7.4	-1.3	-0.1	0.3
Rubber & Misc. Plastic Products	11.8	11.9	10.8	-0.8	-0.1	1.0
Tires & Inner Tubes	7.7	7.7	7.0	0.0	0.0	0.7
Mining	73.6	74.3	74.0	-0.9	-0.7	- 0.4
Oil & Gas Extraction	70.5	71.2	71.2	-1.0	-0.7	- 0.7
Construction	47.4	48.4	53.3	-2.1	-1.0	- 5.9
Transportation & Public Utilities Ex	65.8	66.4	66.4	-0.9	-0.6	- 0.6
Transportation	33.9	33.8	33.9	0.3	0.1	0.0
Railroad Transportation	2.4	2.4	2.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
Trucking & Warehousing	17.3	17.2	17.7	0.6	0.1	- 0.4
Communications & Electric, GA	31.9	32.6	32.5	-2.1	-0.7	- 0.6
Wholesale & Retail Trade	294.1	293.5	288.1	0.2	0.6	6.0
Wholesale Trade	75.4	76.1	73.3	-0.9	-0.7	2.1
Retail Trade	218.7	217.4	214.8	0.6	1.3	3.9
General Merchandise Stores	30.2	30.1	28.1	0.3	0.1	2.1
Food Stores	37.9	36.9	38.5	2.7	1.0	- 0.6
Automotive Dealers & Service Sta	26.3	26.4	25.7	-0.4	-0.1	0.6
Apparel & Accessory Stores	15.3	15.4	14.4	-0.6	-0.1	0.9
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	64.2	64.7	62.6	-0.8	-0.5	1.6
Banking	21.2	21.6	21.8	-1.9	-0.4	- 0.6
Insurance Carriers	9.4	9.4	9.3	0.0	0.0	0.1
Services	224.1	223.7	221.4	0.2	0.4	2.7
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	10.6	10.9	10.9	-2.8	-0.3	- 0.3
Personal Services	10.8	10.7	11.0	0.9	0.1	- 0.2
Health Services	69.8	70.3	70.2	-0.7	-0.5	- 0.4
Total Government	242.0	230.5	242.4	5.0	11.5	- 0.4
Federal Government	48.5	49.5	48.9	-2.0	-1.0	- 0.4
State & Local Government	193.5	181.0	193.5	6.9	12.5	0.0

† *Based on place-of-residence concept.*

1/ *These estimates are adjusted to first quarter 1983 benchmark levels. Estimates include all full and part-time employees of nonagricultural establishments who worked during or received pay for any part of the pay period which includes the 12th of the month.*

NONFARM PAYROLL JOBS RISE SEASONALLY

Nonagricultural establishment payrolls rose to 1,188,300 in September from the revised August figure of 1,179,100. A seasonal increase in government of 12,500 fueled the advance as nonteaching support personnel returned to their jobs. In fact, trade and service were the only other industry divisions adding workers over the month, counting gains of 600 and 400, respectively.

Job losses, meanwhile, occurred in five of the eight major industry divisions in September from August. Most of these decreases were relatively small, however, with the largest occuring in construction, which was off 1,000, due in part to a slowdown in construction. Mining employment also cut back 700 following a resumption of the general downtrend in oil and gas extraction. Other job reductions of 500 to 600 were recorded in transportation-public utilities, manufacturing and finance-insurance-real estate.

September nonfarm wage and salary employment was up 12,800 from the corresponding 1983 period. Manufacturing paced the advance with a 9,800 worker gain, primarily centered in the durable goods sector where nonelectrical machinery, transportation equipment and electrical and electronic equipment manufacturers showed large employment increases. Nevertheless, manufacturing still remained 27,800 jobs below the all-time factory employment record established in June 1981. Next, trade employment showed over the year strength with a gain of 6,000 jobs. In addition, service jobs increased 2,700, while finance-insurance-real estate added 1,600 workers. Employment in four nonfarm industry divisions declined over the year ending in September. Construction recorded by far the largest loss with a reduction of 5,900 workers, largely due to the completion of several large projects. In addition, transportation-public utilities dropped 600, while mining and government each dropped 400 jobs over the year.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

Hours and earnings of all manufacturing production workers in Oklahoma increased in September over the previous month's level. September paychecks averaged $402.05, up $5.17 weekly.

Manufacturing production workers in both durable and nondurable goods experienced gains in weekly earnings over the past 30-day period. In the durables sector, workers in the primary metals industries had the sharpest gain in weekly earnings. This was the result of a slight increase in hours and 4.4 percent increase in average hourly earnings. Higher hourly earnings in all other durables goods industries pushed weekly earnings to higher levels as hours remained relatively stable. The gain in nondurables workers' pay was minor as hours and earnings changed very little.

Hours and earnings are also surveyed for five major nonmanufacturing industries as shown on the table—**Hours and Earnings in Selected Oklahoma Industries**—in this publication. Construction workers increased their weekly earnings by $20.47 in September over August as their workweek was up almost two hours, while hourly pay was basically unchanged. Both public utility and wholesale employers made gains during this period, with hourly pay increases more than offsetting their shorter workwee .s. Conversely, the shorter workweek was primarily responsible for smaller paychecks in retail trade as well as the oil and gas extraction industry.

Comparisons to September 1983 showed that all manufacturing production workers in the state averaged 5.9 percent more in weekly earnings this month. Average pay per hour increased 57 cents while hours worked dropped slightly. Four of the major nonmanufacturing industries had higher paychecks this month compared to a year ago. Retail trade was the only industry which declined in both hours worked and hourly pay.

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT

The number of persons receiving insured unemployment benefits totaled 19,932 in Oklahoma during the week ending September 22, 1984. By comparison, there were some 22,896 claimants during the comparable week in August. This represented a 13 percent drop over the past 30 days. Similarly, the insured jobless total was also down from 23,572 or 15.4 percent in January and off 13 percent from the comparable period a year ago. Workers can also draw federal supplemental payments after their regular state benefits expire. This September some 2,103 persons were receiving such payments compared to 5,988 last year, a drop of 65 percent.

Monthly comparisons of insured jobholders according to industry attachment showed virtually all major industries had fewer claimants in September than August. Service, the industry with the largest number of insured recipients, had 4,313, down 430 over the 30-day period. Next, those formerly working in manufacturing totaled 4,047, or 2,244 fewer. Contract construction followed with 3,129, almost the same as August. Wholesale-retail trade had 3,046 in September versus 3,178 a month ago. Mining was another industry classification with a sizeable number of claimants—2,338—up from 2,202 in August. These five industries represented the bulk of the insured jobless total.

The occupational category with the largest number of insured jobless persons, 3,796, was structural work followed by 3,590 former clerical and 3,233 former professional-technical-managerial employees. These occupations comprised over one-half of total insured unemployment in September.

STATEWIDE LABOR FORCE DATA

Thirteen of Oklahoma's 77 counties had unemployment rates of 10 percent or higher in September, compared to 29 counties with double-digit jobless rates in the same 1983 month. Five counties had a higher unemployment rate in September than in the same month a year ago. The statewide unemployment rate eased downward to 6.6 percent compared to 8.3 percent for the same month last year. Oklahoma is now .5 percent below the national unemployment rate. The strong statewide and local economies have improved our unemployment rate more than at the national level during the past twelve months.

LABOR FORCE DATA

Total Employment and Unemployment

SEPTEMBER 1984

Area	Employment	Unemployment	Labor Force	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		
				Current Month	Month Ago	Year Ago
UNITED STATES	105,792,000	8,051,000	113,843,000	7.1	7.3	8.4
OKLAHOMA	1,485,800	104,500	1,590,300	6.6	6.8	8.3
Oklahoma City MSA*	476,100	26,000	502,100	5.2	6.2	6.3
Tulsa MSA**	350,600	26,300	376,900	7.0	6.8	8.9
Lawton MSA***	38,550	2,450	41,000	6.0	5.7	6.3
Enid MSA****	30,125	1,900	32,025	5.9	6.0	7.2
Adair	7,650	610	8,260	7.4	7.6	11.2
Alfalfa	3,620	100	3,720	2.7	2.9	3.7
Atoka	4,330	530	4,860	10.9	10.6	12.0
Beaver	3,620	110	3,730	2.9	2.7	3.3
Beckham	10,630	980	11,610	8.4	8.4	14.5
Blaine	5,820	390	6,210	6.3	5.5	8.9
Bryan	13,750	1,170	14,920	7.8	7.9	9.6
Caddo	13,390	1,130	14,520	7.8	7.8	10.6
Canadian	32,225	1,500	33,725	4.4	4.2	5.7
Carter	21,150	1,575	22,725	6.9	6.6	9.5
Cherokee	14,760	1,720	16,480	10.4	8.4	9.6
Choctaw	5,660	720	6,380	11.3	10.8	14.3
Cimarron	1,640	70	1,710	4.1	4.3	3.8
Cleveland	76,000	3,625	79,625	4.6	6.5	5.5
Coal	1,940	290	2,230	13.0	12.5	15.9
Comanche	38,550	2,450	41,000	6.0	5.7	6.3
Cotton	2,730	140	2,870	4.9	4.3	5.1
Craig	7,410	460	7,870	5.8	5.4	6.8
Creek	30,025	2,400	32,425	7.4	7.0	10.2
Custer	15,840	1,010	16,850	6.0	5.7	8.5
Delaware	11,110	790	11,900	6.6	6.2	8.5
Dewey	3,470	240	3,710	6.5	7.2	8.4
Ellis	2,530	210	2,740	7.7	8.2	8.0
Garfield	30,125	1,900	32,025	5.9	6.0	7.2
Garvin	11,820	840	12,660	6.6	6.5	10.0
Grady	18,750	1,680	20,430	8.2	8.0	10.7
Grant	2,960	110	3,070	3.6	3.8	4.9
Greer	2,950	240	3,190	7.5	5.1	8.6
Harmon	1,780	120	1,900	6.3	5.3	6.1
Harper	1,930	70	2,000	3.5	4.2	9.0
Haskell	5,230	660	5,890	11.2	11.2	12.7
Hughes	5,080	840	5,920	14.2	13.9	17.9
Jackson	10,600	640	11,240	5.7	5.9	6.8
Jefferson	3,650	330	3,980	8.3	7.6	8.6
Johnston	3,930	320	4,250	7.5	7.2	9.3
Kay	25,625	1,700	27,325	6.2	5.7	8.8
Kingfisher	8,480	410	8,890	4.6	4.0	6.0
Kiowa	5,820	370	6,190	6.0	6.3	7.3

LABOR FORCE DATA

Total Employment and Unemployment

SEPTEMBER 1984

Area	Employment	Unemployment	Labor Force	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		
				Current Month	Month Ago	Year Ago
Latimer	3,090	510	3,600	14.2	13.6	19.2
LeFlore	17,090	1,580	18,670	8.5	8.4	9.9
Lincoln	10,040	1,010	11,050	9.1	9.7	11.0
Logan	10,330	830	11,160	7.4	7.5	11.1
Love	2,560	300	2,860	10.5	9.3	10.7
McClain	11,580	600	12,180	4.9	5.3	5.9
McCurtain	13,590	1,400	14,990	9.3	9.2	12.1
McIntosh	5,990	680	6,670	10.2	9.0	10.3
Major	4,010	260	4,270	6.1	5.5	7.1
Marshall	4,260	340	4,600	7.4	7.6	8.5
Mayes	16,410	1,220	17,630	6.9	7.1	8.8
Murray	5,540	470	6,010	7.8	7.3	11.1
Muskogee	28,800	3,075	31,875	9.6	9.2	10.1
Noble	5,200	300	5,500	5.5	6.2	7.0
Nowata	4,830	440	5,270	8.3	8.2	13.3
Okfuskee	3,990	430	4,420	9.7	10.0	11.7
Oklahoma	324,725	18,325	343,050	5.3	6.3	6.6
Okmulgee	13,775	1,375	15,150	9.1	8.8	13.1
Osage	20,000	1,150	21,150	5.4	5.9	6.8
Ottawa	13,175	1,475	14,650	10.1	9.1	9.4
Pawnee	6,370	650	7,020	9.3	8.8	12.4
Payne	31,850	1,225	33,075	3.7	5.3	6.0
Pittsburg	12,175	1,750	13,925	12.6	12.3	14.2
Pontotoc	15,490	1,000	16,490	6.1	5.7	7.7
Pottawatomie	31,525	1,925	33,450	5.8	6.4	6.4
Pushmataha	2,770	530	3,300	16.1	16.2	17.2
Roger Mills	2,960	210	3,170	6.6	7.0	9.2
Rogers	23,620	1,740	25,360	6.9	6.8	9.2
Seminole	11,300	1,250	12,550	10.0	9.5	11.8
Sequoyah	12,910	1,340	14,250	9.4	9.3	9.1
Stephens	20,860	1,480	22,340	6.6	6.5	10.2
Texas	8,500	300	8,800	3.4	3.6	4.3
Tillman	4,510	330	4,840	6.8	7.3	11.7
Tulsa	239,325	18,475	257,800	7.2	7.0	9.1
Wagoner	21,260	1,280	22,540	5.7	5.2	6.5
Washington	25,950	1,000	26,950	3.7	4.1	5.6
Washita	7,750	560	8,310	6.7	6.4	12.1
Woods	5,930	190	6,120	3.1	3.1	4.1
Woodward	15,210	1,020	16,230	6.3	5.6	9.9

Note: Data shown in this table are preliminary figures.
Components may not add to totals due to rounding.

* *Oklahoma City MSA includes Oklahoma, Canadian, Cleveland, McClain and Pottawatomie Counties.*

** *Tulsa MSA includes Tulsa, Creek, Mayes, Osage, Rogers and Wagoner Counties.*

*** *Lawton MSA includes Comanche County only.*

**** *Enid MSA includes Garfield County only.*

HOURS AND EARNINGS
IN SELECTED OKLAHOMA INDUSTRIES
SEPTEMBER 1984

INDUSTRY GROUP	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Sep 1984p	Aug 1984r	Sep 1983r	Sep 1984p	Aug 1984r	Sep 1983r	Sep 1984p	Aug 1984r	Sep 1983r
Manufacturing	**$402.05**	**$396.88**	**$379.86**	**40.9**	**41.0**	**41.0**	**$ 9.83**	**$ 9.68**	**$ 9.26**
Durable Goods	**419.98**	**412.93**	**394.54**	**41.5**	**41.5**	**41.4**	**10.12**	**9.95**	**9.53**
Stone, Clay & Glass	436.65	433.99	432.86	42.6	42.8	43.2	10.25	10.14	10.02
Primary Metals	391.35	374.11	408.24	41.9	41.8	43.2	9.34	8.95	9.45
Fabricated Metals	380.02	385.95	375.42	40.6	41.5	41.3	9.36	9.30	9.09
Fabricated Structural Metals	384.14	389.10	393.90	41.8	42.9	42.4	9.19	9.07	9.29
Machinery, Except Electrical	423.36	411.87	344.97	43.6	43.4	40.3	9.71	9.49	8.56
Oil Field Machinery	433.89	427.85	386.80	41.6	41.1	40.0	10.43	10.41	9.67
Electric & Electronic Equipment	425.70	412.64	413.08	41.9	41.1	44.9	10.16	10.04	9.20
Transportation Equipment	473.47	471.12	480.40	38.4	39.0	40.0	12.33	12.08	12.01
Instruments & Related Products	398.94	395.42	402.29	43.6	43.5	40.8	9.15	9.09	9.86
Nondurable Goods	**367.75**	**365.09**	**354.71**	**39.8**	**39.9**	**40.4**	**9.24**	**9.15**	**8.78**
Food & Kindred Products	338.23	316.74	316.23	40.8	40.4	41.5	8.29	7.84	7.62
Apparel & Other Textiles	168.27	171.00	175.03	35.5	36.0	37.4	4.74	4.75	4.68
Paper & Allied Products	407.22	402.75	385.81	40.6	40.6	41.0	10.03	9.92	9.41
Printing & Publishing	401.54	387.58	352.43	42.9	41.9	38.9	9.36	9.25	9.06
Newspapers & Periodicals	420.34	403.26	365.74	43.2	42.9	39.2	9.73	9.40	9.33
Petroleum Refining	528.74	503.23	549.94	40.3	39.5	45.6	13.12	12.74	12.06
Nonmanufacturing									
Construction	444.17	423.70	427.98	39.8	38.0	36.8	11.16	11.15	11.63
Oil & Gas Extraction	441.94	442.83	423.53	43.2	43.5	41.0	10.23	10.18	10.33
Public Utilities	474.56	469.77	447.72	40.7	41.1	41.0	11.66	11.43	10.92
Wholesale Trade	364.31	357.59	360.69	39.3	39.6	40.3	9.27	9.03	8.95
Retail Trade*	195.93	198.40	218.77	31.5	32.0	33.4	6.22	6.20	6.55

Note: *Averages are for production or nonsupervisory workers only and cover both full and part-time employees. Overtime hours and pay are included and changes in the amount of overtime may affect these data. There are approximately 129,600 production workers in manufacturing. These data revised to a 1983 benchmark.*

Above industries have been classified according to the **Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) Manual, 1972.**

p-Preliminary; r-Revised. **Excludes eating and drinking establishments.*

Source: Oklahoma Employment Security Commission, Research and Planning.

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED

OKLAHOMA SEPTEMBER 1984 *

I. INDUSTRY ATTACHMENT BY SEX, DURATION AND RACE

INDUSTRY	TOTAL INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT							DURATION BY RACE †											
			Sex		Duration by Weeks			White				Black				Indian			
	Number	Percent Distribution	Male	Female	Less Than 5	5-14	15 and over	Number	Less Than 5	5-14	15 and over	Number	Less Than 5	5-14	15 and over	Number	Less Than 5	5-14	15 and over
Total	**19,932**	**100.0**	**11,367**	**8,565**	**6,840**	**8,042**	**5,050**	**16,858**	**5,664**	**6,914**	**4,280**	**1,726**	**552**	**627**	**547**	**602**	**186**	**258**	**178**
Mining	**2,338**	**11.7**	**1,911**	**427**	**840**	**985**	**513**	**2,233**	**795**	**954**	**484**	**38**	**8**	**15**	**15**	**35**	**14**	**12**	**9**
Contract Construction	**3,129**	**15.7**	**2,723**	**406**	**1,008**	**1,317**	**804**	**2,761**	**902**	**1,162**	**697**	**222**	**54**	**96**	**72**	**92**	**17**	**46**	**29**
Manufacturing, Total	**4,047**	**20.3**	**2,202**	**1,845**	**1,181**	**1,683**	**983**	**3,273**	**953**	**1,517**	**803**	**308**	**79**	**100**	**129**	**109**	**19**	**60**	**30**
Food & Kindred Products	323	1.6	194	129	121	91	111	267	100	75	92	44	13	14	17	6	2	2	2
Apparel & Related Products	827	4.1	42	785	185	593	49	521	118	364	39	23	8	13	2	38	1	32	5
Lumber & Wood Products	95	.5	76	19	25	36	34	76	18	31	27	8	2	2	4	9	4	3	2
Printing & Publishing	97	.5	45	52	32	38	27	89	29	36	24	7	2	2	3	0	0	0	0
Refining	252	1.3	165	87	68	114	70	230	62	107	61	17	3	5	9	3	1	2	0
Stone, Clay & Glass	171	.9	110	61	63	57	51	139	50	50	39	26	10	7	9	2	1	0	1
Primary Metal Products	199	1.0	159	40	72	87	40	184	67	83	34	10	3	4	3	3	0	0	3
Fabricated Metal Products	738	3.7	593	145	188	356	194	658	163	327	168	43	10	14	19	23	7	10	6
Machinery, except Electrical	172	.9	135	37	53	84	35	153	44	80	29	11	3	2	6	1	0	1	0
Electrical Machinery	197	1.0	103	94	70	69	58	171	59	65	47	18	6	2	10	3	0	2	1
Transportation Equipment	244	1.2	164	80	84	66	94	183	62	55	66	30	2	8	20	6	1	1	4
All Other Manufacturing	732	3.7	416	316	220	292	220	602	181	244	177	71	17	27	27	15	2	7	6
Transportation & Public Utilities	**1,142**	**5.7**	**833**	**309**	**428**	**502**	**212**	**976**	**349**	**436**	**191**	**130**	**47**	**65**	**18**	**11**	**7**	**1**	**3**
Wholesale & Retail Trade	**3,046**	**15.3**	**1,310**	**1,736**	**1,017**	**1,097**	**932**	**2,693**	**866**	**996**	**831**	**264**	**102**	**84**	**78**	**43**	**12**	**11**	**20**
Finance-Insurance-Real Estate	**622**	**3.1**	**155**	**467**	**216**	**229**	**177**	**546**	**186**	**207**	**153**	**55**	**16**	**18**	**21**	**5**	**2**	**2**	**1**
Services	**4,313**	**21.6**	**1,492**	**2,821**	**1,472**	**1,656**	**1,185**	**3,448**	**1,148**	**1,358**	**944**	**550**	**170**	**207**	**173**	**205**	**62**	**61**	**62**
State Government	**225**	**1.1**	**87**	**138**	**74**	**93**	**58**	**163**	**51**	**72**	**40**	**39**	**11**	**12**	**16**	**19**	**9**	**8**	**2**
All Other	**1,070**	**5.3**	**654**	**416**	**604**	**280**	**186**	**765**	**416**	**212**	**137**	**120**	**65**	**30**	**25**	**83**	**24**	**37**	**22**

See footnotes at end of table.

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED

OKLAHOMA SEPTEMBER 1984 *

II. MAJOR OCCUPATIONAL GROUP BY SEX, DURATION AND RACE

MAJOR OCCUPATIONAL GROUP	TOTAL INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT							DURATION BY RACE†											
			Sex		Duration by Weeks			White				Black				Indian			
	Number	Percent Distribution	Male	Female	Less Than 5	5-14	15 and over	Number	Less Than 5	5-14	15 and over	Number	Less Than 5	5-14	15 and over	Number	Less Than 5	5-14	15 and over
Total	**19,932**	**100.0**	**11,367**	**8,565**	**6,840**	**8,042**	**5,050**	**16,858**	**5,864**	**6,914**	**4,280**	**1,726**	**552**	**627**	**547**	**802**	**166**	**258**	**178**
Professional, Technical & Managerial	3,233	16.2	1,600	1,633	1,073	1,330	830	2,843	909	1,204	730	220	64	88	68	99	37	32	30
Clerical	3,590	18.0	484	3,106	1,178	1,355	1,057	3,155	991	1,227	937	289	105	93	91	82	29	32	21
Sales	809	4.1	470	339	257	320	232	756	231	306	219	39	16	13	10	6	3	1	2
Service	1,766	8.9	552	1,216	638	593	537	1,236	450	419	367	395	132	122	141	92	22	42	28
Farming, Fishery, Forestry & Related	162	.8	122	40	45	66	51	127	36	52	39	18	2	8	8	12	3	5	4
Processing	370	1.9	262	108	128	143	99	293	97	126	70	55	20	12	23	13	3	4	6
Machine Trades	1,073	5.4	929	144	363	419	291	942	328	373	241	71	15	27	29	36	9	15	12
Bench Work	1,461	7.3	404	1,057	430	789	242	1,034	317	523	194	94	36	32	26	52	6	35	11
Structural Work	3,796	19.0	3,463	333	1,203	1,632	961	3,325	1,055	1,441	829	267	69	120	78	136	30	59	47
Miscellaneous	3,670	18.5	3,081	589	1,525	1,395	750	3,147	1,250	1,243	654	278	93	112	73	74	24	33	17

III. AGE AND SEX BY DURATION AND RACE

AGE AND SEX	TOTAL INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT					DURATION BY RACE†										
			Duration by Weeks			White				Black				Indian			
	Number	Percent Distribution	Less Than 5	5-14	15 and over	Number	Less Than 5	5-14	15 and over	Number	Less Than 5	5-14	15 and over	Number	Less Than 5	5-14	15 and over
Total	**19,932**	**100.0**	**6,840**	**8,042**	**5,050**	**16,858**	**5,864**	**6,914**	**4,280**	**1,726**	**552**	**627**	**547**	**802**	**166**	**258**	**178**
Under 22	1,077	5.4	416	430	231	950	368	386	196	76	26	28	22	32	10	10	12
22-24	2,043	10.2	784	808	451	1,702	651	682	369	219	75	80	64	48	17	18	13
25-34	7,144	35.8	2,563	2,817	1,764	5,951	2,082	2,396	1,473	741	282	249	210	224	59	101	64
35-44	4,678	23.5	1,557	1,930	1,191	3,948	1,300	1,630	1,018	378	88	165	125	162	49	73	40
45-54	2,941	14.8	902	1,258	781	2,540	756	1,112	672	184	44	64	76	89	23	38	28
55 and over	2,049	10.3	618	799	632	1,767	507	708	552	128	37	41	50	47	8	18	21
Male-Total	**11,367**	**57.0**	**4,069**	**4,839**	**2,659**	**9,788**	**3,475**	**4,077**	**2,236**	**969**	**290**	**378**	**301**	**334**	**89**	**146**	**99**
Under 22	628	3.2	235	289	104	553	214	256	83	47	13	22	12	23	6	8	9
22-24	1,196	6.0	491	486	219	1,031	422	431	178	103	40	35	28	34	11	14	9
25-34	4,209	21.1	1,612	1,617	980	3,564	1,360	1,393	811	431	150	156	125	126	32	59	35
35-44	2,575	12.9	875	1,069	631	2,201	736	926	539	214	49	98	67	78	22	36	20
45-54	1,666	8.4	512	745	409	1,469	448	672	349	101	17	43	41	50	12	22	16
55 and over	1,093	5.5	344	433	316	970	295	399	276	73	21	24	28	23	6	7	10
Female-Total	**8,565**	**43.0**	**2,771**	**3,403**	**2,391**	**7,070**	**2,189**	**2,837**	**2,044**	**757**	**262**	**249**	**246**	**268**	**77**	**112**	**79**
Under 22	449	2.3	181	141	127	397	154	130	113	29	13	6	10	9	4	2	3
22-24	847	4.2	293	322	232	671	229	251	191	116	35	45	36	14	6	4	4
25-34	2,935	14.7	951	1,200	784	2,387	722	1,003	662	310	132	93	85	98	27	42	29
35-44	2,103	10.6	682	861	560	1,747	564	704	479	164	39	67	58	84	27	37	20
45-54	1,275	6.4	390	513	372	1,071	308	440	323	83	27	21	35	39	11	16	12
55 and over	956	4.8	274	366	316	797	212	309	276	55	16	17	22	24	2	11	11

* *Based on data for week of September 16-22, 1984.*

† *Figures for White, Black and Indian will not add to totals due to other non-white and persons for which information was not available.*

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

1967 = 100

	ALL URBAN CONSUMERS		URBAN WAGE EARNERS AND CLERICAL WORKERS	
ANNUAL AVERAGES AND CHANGES 1980 - 1983*				
Year	**Index**	**Percent Change From Previous Year**	**Index**	**Percent Change From Previous Year**
1980	246.8	13.5	247.0	13.5
1981	272.4	10.4	272.3	10.2
1982	289.1	6.1	288.6	6.0
1983	298.4	3.2	297.4	3.0

MONTH AND YEAR-AGO CHANGES								
Year	**Sep Index**	**Aug Index**	**% Change Month Ago**	**% Change Year Ago**	**Sep Index**	**Aug Index**	**% Change Month Ago**	**% Change Year Ago**
1984	314.5	313.0	.5	4.2	312.1	310.3	.6	3.8

* *Change less than one-tenth of one percent.*

COMPARISONS OF UNEMPLOYMENT RATES*

United States and Oklahoma

1981 - 1984

MONTH	1981 RATES				1982 RATES				1983 RATES				1984 RATES				MONTH
	Unadj.		Seas. Adj.		Unadj.		Seas. Adj.		Unadj.		Seas. Adj.		Unadj.		Seas. Adj.		
	U.S.	OK	U.S.	OK	U.S.	OK	U.S.	OK	U.S.	OK	U.S.	OK	U.S.	OK	U.S.	OK	
Jan.	8.2	4.4	7.5	4.0	9.4	4.4	8.6	4.0	11.4	9.1	10.3	8.3	8.6	8.6	8.0	7.9	Jan.
Feb.	8.0	4.0	7.4	3.8	9.6	4.3	8.8	4.0	11.3	10.1	10.2	9.7	8.4	8.2	7.8	7.7	Feb.
Mar.	7.7	3.6	7.3	3.7	9.5	4.1	9.0	4.2	10.8	10.1	10.2	10.2	8.1	7.7	7.8	7.8	Mar.
Apr.	7.0	3.4	7.2	3.5	9.2	4.3	9.3	4.4	10.0	9.8	10.1	10.0	7.6	7.1	7.8	7.3	Apr.
May	7.1	3.3	7.5	3.4	9.1	4.6	9.4	4.8	9.8	10.2	9.9	10.3	7.2	6.8	7.5	6.9	May
June	7.7	3.5	7.4	3.3	9.8	5.2	9.5	5.1	10.2	10.0	9.8	9.7	7.4	6.6	7.1	6.3	June
July	7.3	3.4	7.2	3.3	9.8	5.8	9.8	5.7	9.4	9.6	9.3	9.4	7.5	6.6	7.5	6.5	July
Aug.	7.2	3.1	7.4	3.3	9.6	5.8	9.9	6.1	9.0	9.0	9.3	9.5	7.3	6.8	7.5	7.2	Aug.
Sept.	7.3	3.3	7.6	3.5	9.7	6.5	10.2	6.9	8.8	8.3	9.1	8.7	7.1	6.6	7.4	6.9	Sept.
Oct.	7.5	3.6	8.0	3.7	9.9	7.2	10.5	7.4	8.4	7.9	8.7	8.1					Oct.
Nov.	7.9	3.8	8.3	3.8	10.4	7.9	10.7	7.9	8.1	7.6	8.3	7.6					Nov.
Dec.	8.3	3.8	8.6	3.8	10.5	8.4	10.8	8.5	8.0	7.1	8.1	7.2					Dec.
ANNUAL AVERAGE	7.5	3.6	—	—	9.5	5.7	—	—	9.5	9.0	—	—					ANNUAL AVERAGE

* *Based on percent of Civilian Labor Force. Seasonally adjusted series for U.S. and Oklahoma are revised. U.S. unemployment rate based on percent of Civilian Labor Force.*

Note: The rates shown for Oklahoma are revised to a 1983 Current Population Survey (CPS) Benchmark, as established by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and the Oklahoma Employment Security Commission, Research and Planning.